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IT is for Root for president.

in the swing Utah and Vermont?

CHILD welfare expert decries raising of good American stock. The matter? Are foreigners to be up Bethlehem steel?

in preparing for war we discipline young men of this country to extent, at least one great good have been accomplished. Some of both have no idea of discipline obedience, and a lesson along the might prove worth while.

MEMBER the special football game at Booneville leaves Mexico on Chicago & Alton tomorrow morning 7:15 sharp. Round trip tickets \$6.00. This will be a nice outing for you a chance to show your station of the M. M. A. and its

understand that some of C. A. Republican friends are start-boom for him for governor of Missouri. With two candidates for

S. HAMILTON, superintendent of county farm, and R. M. White, the Mexico Ledger, attended the Welfare meeting at Marshall, Missouri, this week, and were both much pleased with the conference.

Prominent men interested in the welfare work were present from parts of the state, and were entertained by the people of Marshall. By the way, Marshall is one of the very best little country cities in the state, surrounded by fine farm-country, and is progressive, well-spirited, and has high civic ideals.

THE people of Mexico are all interested in the success of the excursion to the new electric line to Santa Fe Friday and we predict that the manager of that road will be busy looking after those who are to go. Special invitation is given to those who contributed to the building of the road and to members of the Commercial Club.

Every arrangement has been made for this excursion to be most enjoyable.

Mrs. C. D. Rodgers, Mrs. Chas. Wybrook, Mrs. J. D. Dyrks, and Mrs. Merton Nelson are in St. Louis attending the State Sunday School Convention.

Saturday Special

Nov. 20th

Casseroles

Weller Ware in round and oval shapes, set in heavy nickel frames, only

\$1.25, \$1.50

each, and they are worth more. Obey that impulse - buy it today.

Worrell,
The Jeweler
on the Corner of Mexico

McGOWAN-ROWE WEDDING.

Were Married at the Bride's Home Wednesday Afternoon.

Miss Mary Rowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rowe, of Woodlawn Place, and James R. McGowan, a well-to-do young farmer of near Centralia, were married at the home of the bride by the Rev. Mr. Miller, of Columbia, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple departed for Kansas City where they will spend a few days. They will make their home on Mr. McGowan's farm near Centralia.

Miss Rowe is a very charming and accomplished young woman and has many friends in Mexico. Mr. McGowan is a popular and progressive farmer with a host of friends in Centralia. The Ledger joins the people of Mexico in wishing this young couple many years of happiness. The wedding was a quiet affair with only the immediate members of the two families in attendance.

BEREA.
Mrs. Felix Martin is on the sick list—George Elzea is still quite sick. Charles Smith and family, of Stoutsville, visited at J. P. Smith's over Sunday. At the Berea school supper Friday night, something over \$16 was realized, the highest price being \$1.05. Jo Martin and family, of Garlington, Okla., are expected here on a visit next week. At the Shady Dell school supper, Saturday night, \$18.00 was taken in. The highest pie brought \$3.10; another sold for \$2.25. Hiram Walker Emerson sustained a broken collar bone Monday morning when he was thrown from a horse. Clayton Weaver has been severely afflicted with blood poisoning caused by a barbed wire scratch.

COMMERCIAL CLUB AND SUBSCRIBERS TO SANTA FE
The Commercial Club and all the subscribers to the electric railroad fund have been asked by Judge W. W. Botta to make a trip of inspection to Santa Fe Friday morning. The regular luncheon of the Commercial Club will be held at Santa Fe at the Snyder Hotel. All the subscribers to the electric fund have also been invited to attend this weekly meeting. Thirty-five cents will be charged for the lunch.

The electric car will make the usual trip to Santa Fe Friday. The crowd expects to go out in the morning on the 9:00 o'clock car and can return either at 1 o'clock or 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

NEW HOPE.
Miss Grace Dolena was the Sunday guest of Effie Belle Chick—W. N. Chick visited his daughter, Mrs. Will Chick, Sunday—Summer Davis and family, Archie Johnson and family, and Hull Wilson and family, were Sunday visitors of C. D. Wilson and wife.

—Mrs. Robert Dolena spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. T. K. Dolena. —Bernard Sellers and family visited Mrs. Sellers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stewart, and family Sunday. —Mrs. Robert Shock was the guest of Mrs. Will Chick Saturday afternoon. —Miss Amy Shock was the guest of Miss Effie Belle Chick Saturday.

Patrons Day Meeting.
Wednesday November 24 will be Patrons Day at the Martinsburg schools and Superintendent of schools, Miss Jeanette White is arranging a splendid program for that occasion. Miss White is one of Missouri's leading educators and is doing great things for the Martinsburg schools.

Breaks Right Arm.
George Hill broke his right arm, just above the elbow, early Tuesday morning. Mr. Hill was cranking one of his taxicabs when it backfired and the crank struck his arm shattering the bone.

Judge and Mrs. Alex Carter and children are home from a motor trip to St. Louis. Earl Brown accompanied them home.

STATE HISTORICAL SOC. MEETS DECEMBER 10

On December 10th the annual meeting of the members of the State Historical Society of which R. M. White of the Mexico Ledger is president will be held in the new library building at Columbia. The meeting of the executive committee of the society will be held at the same time.

This is officially announced by Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the society. The meeting will be the first ever held in the new library building, which is the headquarters of the society as well as the library of the University.

Following the annual meeting a 6 o'clock dinner will be given at which Walter B. Stevens of St. Louis will deliver an address. Mr. Stevens was recognition many years ago as a Washington correspondent and later was one of the chiefs of the great world's fair held in St. Louis. The subject of Mr. Stevens' address will be "Lincoln and Missouri." This is a subject with which Mr. Stevens is familiar and those who know him as a speaker are looking forward to a rare treat.

Other speakers of note will be present. Every speaker will confine himself to some topic pertaining to Missouri history or interest. At the meeting plans will be discussed for enlarging the scope of the society and increasing its membership.—Columbia, Mo., Times.

Eureka Buzing Bee Box Supper.
Tuesday evening, Nov. 2nd, the Eureka Buzing Bee entertained with a box supper for the benefit of the "Bee" and Eureka school, of which Miss Alma Brown is teacher.

A large number of people were in attendance, the house being crowded until there was no standing room. The following schools were represented: Prairie Chapel, Miss Agatha Copeman and pupils; Heggedale, Miss Zella Brown and pupils; Rush, Prof. Ford. The literary program was given by pupils from Heggedale school. Prof. W. Clyde Johnson was present, and made a very interesting speech on the benefits of an organized society in a district. Prof. Johnson stood the floor in both the ciphering and spelling match.

The 28 boxes were auctioned by Pete Endel of Rush Hill, and brought good prices. The proceeds for the school go to get a new library case.

Five Deer Killed in Osage.
Jefferson City, Mo., November 15.—Hunters have killed five deer in Osage County since November 1 and several doe and young ones have been sighted.

Conrad Stuckenschneider of Koeltz-town, John Hoeller of Vienna, George Green of Bapton, Tony Telman of Jefferson City, and Frank Dirck, of Taos, each killed a deer.

The Painted Rock Hunting Club, which owns several hundred acres of land on the Osage River in Osage County, sighted a number during their annual hunt.

Big Farm Meeting.
W. D. McKee and Prof. Henry G. Bell will be the speakers at the illustrated farm lectures in the McMillan high school auditorium in this city the afternoon and evening of December fourth. Every effort will be made to see that this meeting is one of the best and largest attended ever in this city.

Sunday School Delegation Leaves.
A large delegation from this county went to St. Louis early Tuesday morning to attend the State Sunday school convention in St. Louis. Audrain is again a front line county and will make a splendid showing this week.

Who Wants to Shiver?
While they make the morning frost. No such thing with a Superior Oak, a bucket of coal at night is all that is necessary. L. Roy Ferris.

AMERICA'S GREAT SURPLUS.

About 800 Million Bushels of Grain Can Be Spared.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Figures made available by the Agricultural Department Saturday indicate that the exportable surplus from this year's principal farm crops is as follows:

Wheat, 375 million bushels.
Corn, 1/4 billion bushels.
Oats 200 million bushels.
Cotton, 7 million bales.
Meat and dairy products, 330 million dollars.

Last year's exports of wheat were the greatest on record and the high prices prevailing for that and other products prompted farmers to make the following increases in this year's crops:

Sugar beets, 24 per cent; rice, 18 per cent; wheat, 11 per cent; sweet potatoes, 10 per cent; tobacco, 8 per cent; corn, 6 per cent; oats, 5 per cent; hay, 3 per cent; rye, 2 per cent; potatoes, nearly 1 per cent.

The aggregate production of all crops this year is 7 per cent larger than last year and 17 per cent above the 10-year average.

J. C. BASKIN DEAD.

Died at His Home in Pomona, California.

J. C. Baskin, 88 years old, a former resident of Mexico and Audrain County, died at his home in Pomona, California, Monday, of old age. The body will arrive here for burial Saturday. The Ledger joins the friends of Mr. Baskin in extending sympathy to his daughter and relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Hafstrom, Mr. Baskin's daughter, will arrive here with the body Saturday at 1:10 on the Chicago & Alton. The funeral services will be held here at the cemetery.

REPORT STATES CROSS STATE ELECTRIC SOON

According to confidential information received Saturday by the Ledger the General Electric Company of Schenectady is working on the equipment for a cross-state electric line in Missouri. The cost of the electrical equipment alone will be in the neighborhood of \$28,750,000. It is understood the money for the building of the line was raised in France. Our information comes from a source that cannot be doubted. Our informant continues that the General Electric have been working on the Material for sometime and seems to think the line is to be built at once.

Not long since the Ledger published an interview with John M. Atkinson, chairman of the State Public Service Commission, in which he made the statement that he felt sure this road would be started within twelve months. The line, as projected, has no definitely announced route although the fact that the McKinley has purchased the bridge across the Missouri as well as the electric light plant at Jefferson City, points to the State Capital being on the system. It is generally thought Mr. McKinley of the McKinley system, will be the builder.

Columbia is another town reported to be on the route and most likely Mexico's connection will come through the uncompleted south end of the Mexico & Santa Fe electric line, of which five miles is in steel and some eight miles graded.

Oyster and Ice Cream Supper.
The Ladies of the Liberty Christian Church will have an oyster fry and ice cream supper at the home of Baker Barnes, one mile north of Thompson and four miles south of Skinner, on Thanksgiving night, Nov. 25th. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Porter Cuthbert, of Molino, underwent a successful operation for goitre, at the Mayo Hospital at Rochester, Minn., Tuesday. Mrs. John W. Coward of this city, her mother, is with her and reports her doing nicely.

LARGE PARTITION SALE SUIT IS FILED HERE

Mrs. Jennie B. Johnson has filed suit against Grace Beagles and Monroe Beagles for the partition of the 400 acre Beagles farm in the Worcester neighborhood, northeast of this city. This farm is one of the best in the county and is a very valuable piece of land.

FORMER MEXICO BOY LAUDS BILLY SUNDAY

"Billy Sunday is the greatest evangelist, not only in the world today, but the greatest the world has ever seen since the Apostles," declared Rev. Crayton S. Brooks, when he arrived in Minneapolis to begin a month's evangelistic campaign recently, says the Minneapolis Journal. Mr. Brooks was raised near Mexico and lived here for a time. He is related to Mrs. Tom Gill, of Mexico. He had just come, with Theophilus E. Fitts, of New York, socialist, from Fort Smith, Ark., where they conducted a five weeks' campaign, adding 107 members to the Christian church there.

Mr. Brooks is known as "the man who gave Joe Folk his start." As a pastor at Jefferson City, Mo., he made a cleanup campaign which led to the state legislature and took the lid off corruption in that body.

"I first went after 22 saloons and five gambling houses that were running openly on Sundays and weekdays," said Mr. Brooks recently. "Then I got the trail of corruption in the state senate, where \$1,000 and \$5,000 bills were turning up. First we had an investigation by a senate committee, and then by a grand jury. Joe Folk just then was stirring up St. Louis, and I got our grand jury to send witnesses to St. Louis. By working at both ends of the proposition we started a panic, men turned state's evidence, and the whole business was uncovered."

Mr. Brooks says he does not use the Billy Sunday methods.

"Our methods are sane, dignified and scriptural," he said, "and not sensational or spectacular. I know Billy Sunday. I worked with him six weeks at Newcastle, Pa., and have followed him and preceded him at various places. He has his own methods and we have ours, and we could not use each others, but he is the greatest of them all."

Mr. Brooks was a pastor before he began work as a traveling evangelist a year ago, and was a newspaper reporter before that.

"I am also a baseball fan," he said, "and it is in the family. My only son-in-law is Billy Southworth, outfielder last year with the Cleveland Indians."

Mr. Brooks has had successful pastorates at Colorado Springs, at Portsmouth, Ohio, and Newcastle, Pa. He has conducted evangelistic campaigns within the year at Detroit, Mich.; Lima, Alliance and Cleveland, Ohio; Salem, Ore.; Longview and Henderson, Texas. After the campaign at Portland Avenue church he and Mr. Pitts go to Plainville, Minn., and then return for campaigns at Minneapolis church of Christ and Grand Avenue Church of Christ.

"In Professor Pitts we have the greatest singer in evangelism," said Mr. Brooks.

WAR RAISES GEM IMPORTS.
New York, Nov. 12.—That there will be no shortage in the stocks of diamonds and other precious stones for the holiday trade, because of the war, is the belief of customs officials here charged with the appraisal of the gems. Imports which have been increasing enormously for several months took a big turn in October.

All classes of precious stones, including pearls, entered at this port last month, had a total value of \$3,080,955, a gain of nearly 1 million dollars over September, when the imports were valued at \$2,104,292.

According to reliable reports the condition brought about by the war are forcing many European owners of valuable gems to dispose of their holdings to American importers, while the regular dealers abroad find the United States the sole outlet for their stocks.

Importers say Americans will be virtually the only people in the world this coming holiday season to indulge in the luxury of gem buying.

PLEASED CENTRALIA (Centralia Guard.)

The Mexico Military Academy brass band was in town Monday night with the academy football team and made a parade at 9:30 around the square, merrily playing No. 2 in the green and white. Many of our citizens snoring peacefully were awakened by the boom-ta-ra of the band and were at a loss to know the cause of the racket on old Broadway. The team and band had been over at Columbia and had defeated the Columbia team by a score of 47 to 0 and were still celebrating.

The boys gave about an hour's concert on Allen street near the Wabash station. The band has nothing on Bohemian fry, but they can knock off a few ditties out of the stiff-backed book when they are standing still that would make the average kid hand sick with envy. There was no rowdism displayed by any of the boys while here, that we have heard of, but even the Big Chief says they were well behaved. Come again, boys, and bring your dinner.

A good line of Hamilton Brown Shoes.

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ENDORSES KELLY POOL

E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Favors Centralia for Secretary of State.

AN OPEN LETTER by Hon. E. W. Stephens, to the Democrats of the State of Missouri.

Boone county, by a practically unanimous vote, will present in 1916 one of its citizens, Mr. J. Kelly Pool, as its Democratic candidate for Secretary of State. He is of high character, of large experience in public and private life, and unquestionably qualified for the office.

The writer has known him personally since he was a boy, has been in close touch with him as editor and citizen and as public official and knows him to be equipped for Secretary of State.

Boone is one of the oldest counties in the state and one of the greatest, is rich alike in property, history, and in men. It has not only always been Democratic, but it has been the banner Democratic county of the state almost continuously from time immemorial. And yet it has had but one of its citizens in a state office, and he was in an insignificant one many years ago.

It modestly submits that the time has come when it may claim recognition for all the help its militant Democracy has also given to carry this state for the ticket.

It confidently presents a candidate of preeminent qualifications and believes that its confidence in the justice and wisdom of the Democrats of the state will not be misplaced.

E. W. STEPHENS.

Rural School Notes.

By W. CLYDE JOHNSON.

T. J. Walker, Rural School Inspector for the State of Missouri and assistant to Mr. Gass, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with me visiting the rural schools. We first visited West Lick, and in the afternoon were present at the consolidation election at Farber. It seems that Farber is really in earnest about it. There was a gain of four votes in favor of the proposition. The seeming gain by the opposition was due to the inclusion of four additional sections of land. The election was conducted in a very quiet manner. Every voter realized that he was there to vote on the proposition, and was determined, if the worst happened, to be a cheerful loser. Consolidation carried by the narrow margin of six—94 for, 78 against.

Wednesday, we visited Black Caithorn, Elm Bend, and Beagles. Mr. Walker expressed himself as well pleased with the efforts of Misses Furber, Begeman, and Hammett, and particularly so with that of Miss Furber. "Why she truly loves her children and her work," said he.

Wednesday night we had a very pleasant and I hope profitable community meeting at West Lick. There was a goodly crowd present, and they listened with the deepest interest to the splendid talk made by Mr. Walker, and also to my own feeble efforts.

Mr. Walker is a very capable man, and at every school has an excellent talk to the pupils. I wish it were possible for him to visit every school in the county; it would be so much help and encouragement to the teacher and so much inspiration to teacher and pupils. But he cannot, but you parents can. And that will do more good than the visits of anybody else. And when you visit those schools, please notice the pictures, the heating system, the library, maps, globe, curtains. Also investigate the sanitary conditions—whether the floors and walls are free from dust, whether the water is good, and whether the outbuildings are in good repair, are made private by blinds being built in front of them, and whether they are clean and light is being used. You might notice also whether the seats are comfortable. If you will do this, I know not the possibilities for good that you may thus accomplish. Do you? Will you try to?

ELKS BIG BROTHER MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

The Big Brother movement in the Mexico Elks Lodge was launched Friday evening when Exalter Ruler, W. W. Fry, Jr., appointed a committee of five to take charge of the work in this city. The committee is as follows: Chairman, Mitchell White, Roy Ferris, Leo Hanly, Nate Phillip and Carter Norris.

In cities where a juvenile court is maintained each Big Brother usually takes in hand some charge of the court and sees to his welfare. However in towns like Mexico, where no such court is maintained, the movement resolves itself into a charity organization for the aid of children of needy parents.

The Big Brothers movement is not entirely for the purpose of reclaiming the bad boy. It is also to assist the good boys of poor but deserving parents. The movement is a most commendable one and the Mexico Lodge should be congratulated upon taking it up.

Three candidates were initiated into the order at the meeting Friday evening. They were Kenneth Sanford, Clarence Myers and Harry Lackland.

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SPECIAL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MEETING HERE SHORTLY

Crusade Commandry, No. 23, Knights Templar of this city is planning a special meeting for the near future to which members of the order from this county and especially from Wellsville, where the candidate lives, will be invited. Dr. Pickard, E. C., of the Columbia Commandry will be here and assist H. D. Llewellyn, E. C., of Crusade Commandry confer the work. The program will include refreshments. An especially large attendance is expected.

MISSOURI HENS BREAK RECORD

Pen of Five Lay 85 Eggs, Average of 17, in October Test.

Hannibal, Mo., Nov. 17.—In competition with 154 entries, representing 26 States and seven foreign countries, a pen of five hens, owned by George C. Redden of Hannibal, captured the trophy cup offered by the Poultry Experiment Station at Mountain Grove, Mo., for the best record of laying during the month of October. Redden's white Leghorns made their record in one of the poorest months of the year, which was the test period. Their record was 931 eggs for the year, or 186 eggs per hen. For the month of October they laid 85 eggs, 17 apiece.

FATHER J. J. DILLON GOES TO ST. LOUIS (St. Louis Republic.)

Rev. John Dillon of Mexico, Mo., has been appointed by Archbishop John J. Glennon to succeed the late Rev. D. S. Phelan as pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Baden.

Father Phelan, who died September 21, was pastor at Baden for 43 years and editor of The Western Watchman for 50 years. Rev. Joseph Casey of Desloge, Mo., was appointed to succeed Father Dillon at Mexico.

Father Dillon was graduated from St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wis., in 1885, and became an assistant in Baden under Father Phelan. He was appointed to be organizer and first pastor of St. Mark's Church, now one of the most important parishes in St. Louis. In 1899, the late Archbishop Kain transferred him to Byrnesville, whence he went to Mexico, Mo., about 20 years ago.

MAKING MOTORISTS OBEY LAW.

Nights are more quiet and travelers on foot are finding Fulton streets safer since the adoption of new automobile regulations by the city council last Thursday night. After the ordinance was passed six alleged violators were arrested. Five of them have pleaded guilty and paid fines in the city police court, and the case against the sixth was dismissed when it was shown that he was not in Fulton at the time it was alleged the offense was committed.

Fulton for several years has had an ordinance regulating the use of motor cut-outs and fixing speed limits, but it was never enforced. Preparatory to tightening up on the regulations, the city authorities had signs telling of the regulations erected at the city limits on all the roads coming into Fulton, aiming thereby to notify tourists of the provisions of the law. After the signs were put up, the ordinance was revised, and then began its enforcement.

The city officials say they intend to keep a close watch for violators of the law and halt all offenders into police court. And that is why the nights are so much quieter, and why it is safe for a pedestrian to cross any street in town at any time.—Fulton Gazette.

COUNTRY GIRLS SEEKING CITY.

This is the time of year when country girls, rosy cheeked and bright eyed, arrive in bunches in New York. People who follow labor conditions say that for the last half dozen years the exodus of country girls to New York has kept pace with the exodus of country boys. To stop this exodus they say is not easy.

The diaphan has no longer a show when pitted against the typewriting machine, and farmers' daughters are, if anything, more eager than farmers' sons to turn their backs on the cow pasture and the village choir.

"Personally," said a manager of a department store, "I am always glad to give a country girl a chance, for the reason that, as a rule, she is more anxious to please customers and employers than a city girl is, and take it all in all she usually has the better manners. But suppose that a city girl and a country girl apply for work at the same time and I have a job for only one—as a rule? I will engage the city girl. Why? For two reasons. First, the city girl is certain to know more about store ways than the other. Second, she lives with her parents, whereas in ninety-nine out of one hundred cases the country girl intends to board with strangers or acquaintances. In other words, the one is safeguarded, the other is not."

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W. C. T. U. Lecturer Speaks.